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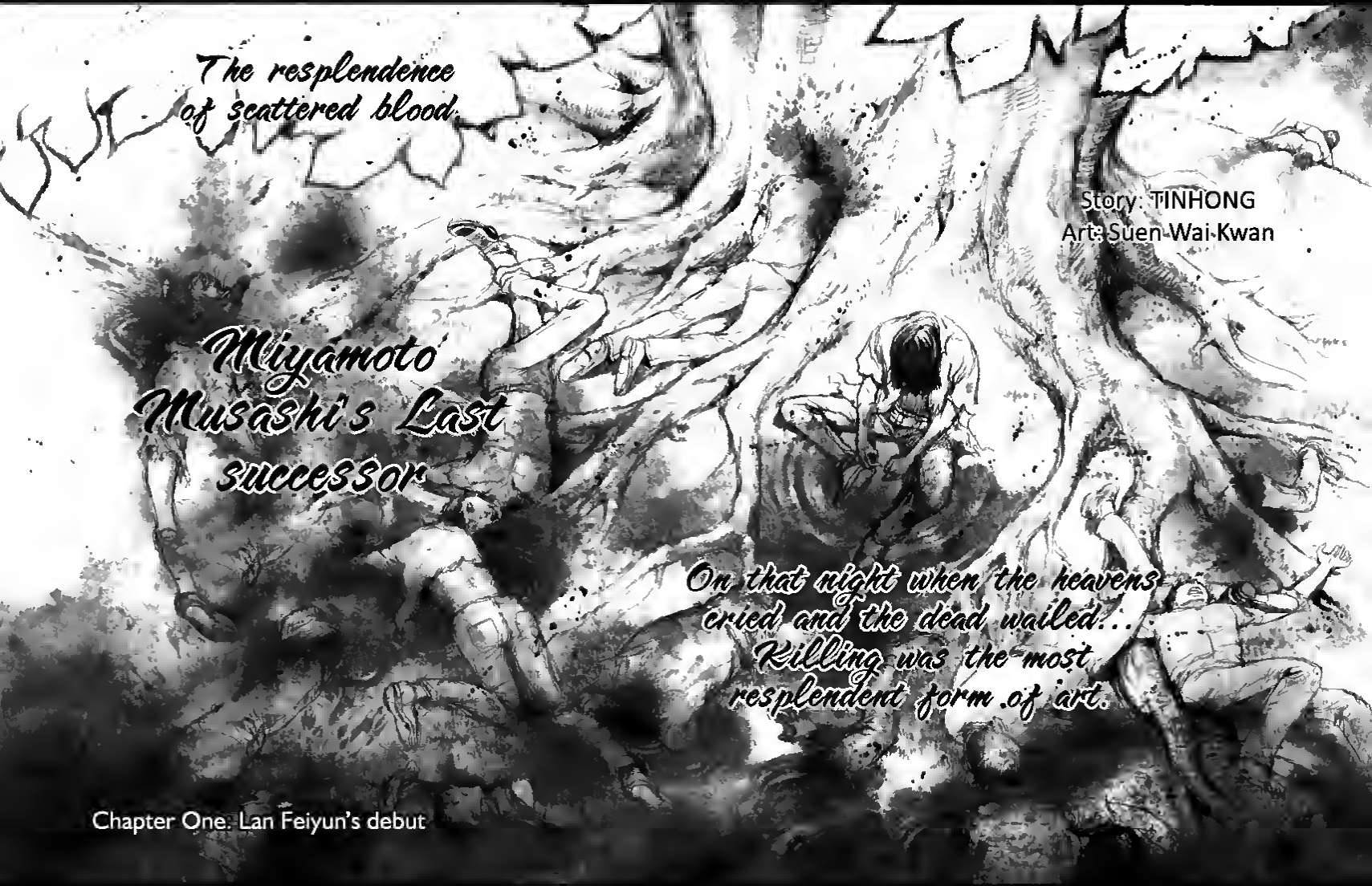
AHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH HHH...
FOR SOME PEOPLE ...
DEATH CAN BE A FORM OF HAPPI-NESS,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On that night when the heavens cried and the dead wailed...
Killing was the most resplendent form of art.
Chapter One. Lan Feiyun's debut

AFTER THE SLAUGHTER, THE WORLD REGAINS ITS TRANQUILITY.
IS KILLING PEOPLE...

...ENJOY-ABLE?
WHO ARE YOU?
嗚...
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. FROM HEREAFTER, I'LL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT THE ART OF KILLING
YOU'LL BECOME AN INVINCIBLE ASSASSIN SECOND TO NONE.

公安
POLICE
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HE HAS KILLED...
HE'S ALREADY BECOME A LEGEND
HIS EXISTENCE... AN OPEN SECRET BETWEEN OURSELVES AND CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE'S SOMEONE WHOM THE SUPER-RICH WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO BEFRIEND.
National Assassin Ranking List
1
Wong Hou
.....
Jia Jian

HIS TARGET ELIMINATION SUCCESS RATE IS 100%, THERE IS PERHAPS NO ONE OUT THERE WHO CAN RIVAL HIS POSITION.
THIS FIRST RANKED ASSASSIN IS REALLY SOMETHING HIS FIRST KILL WAS AT 15, AND HE'S BEEN IN THE BUSINESS FOR 20 YEARS NOW
WANG HOU'S FEES HAVE SKY ROCKETED RECENTLY, HE'S CHARGING ABOUT 20% MORE ANNUALLY. THEY'RE CLIMBING FASTER THAN OUR NATIONAL GDP.
*GDP : Gross Domestic Product

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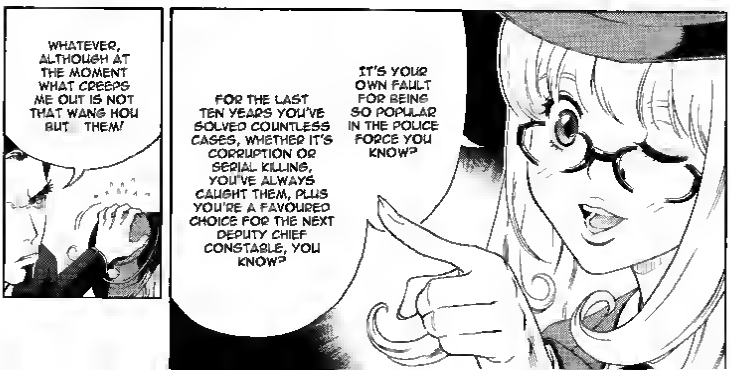
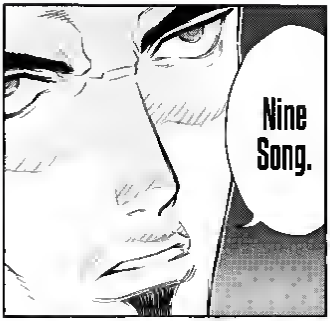
ALAS... WHERE DO I EVEN BEGIN TO SOLVE SUCH A PROBLEMATIC CASE?


WHATEVER, ALTHOUGH AT THE MOMENT WHAT CREEPS ME OUT IS NOT THAT WANG HOU BUT THEM!
FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS YOU'VE SOLVED COUNTLESS CASES, WHETHER IT'S CORRUPTION OR SERIAL KILLING, YOU'VE ALWAYS CAUGHT THEM, PLUS YOU'RE A FAVOURED CHOICE FOR THE NEXT DEPUTY CHIEF CONSTABLE, YOU KNOW?
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT FOR BEING SO POPULAR IN THE POLICE FORCE YOU KNOW?


Nine Song.

3
Yi Ya
4
Meng Wu
5
Meng Tian

IT'S A RECENTLY FORMED [redacted] ORGANIZATION THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS ITS EYES SET ON THEM
EVEN AFTER SOME REALLY EXTENSIVE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATIONS HEADQUARTERS STILL KNOW CLOSE TO NOTHING ABOUT THEM.
ALL WE KNOW ABOUT THEM IS THAT THEY HAVE VERY FEW MEMBERS, AND EVERY ONE BEARS THE NAME OF AN ANCIENT

EVERY PIECE OF EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THEY'RE MOST PROBABLY MEMBERS OF THE "NINE SONG".
THESE THREE ASSASSINS ONLY STARTED THIS YEAR THOUGH THERE AREN'T MANY CASES AGAINST THEM, THEIR WAY OF DOING THINGS INDICATES THEIR TIES TO ORGANIZED CRIME
STOP REPEATING THE CHIEF'S NONSENSE.
WHETHER IT'S CATCHING WANG HOU OR DESTROYING NINE SONG, YOU CAN DO IT! AS LONG AS THAT EYESORE WANG HOU IS IN CUSTODY, THOUGH HE MIGHT BE THE BEST ASSASSIN, YOU'LL BE THE BEST POLICEMAN!
HE'S FINALLY BACK FROM THE ARMY SPECIAL TRAINING CAMP
AH, IT'S HIM. IT'S BEEN FOUR MONTHS SINCE WE LAST SAW HIM!.
He's grown even more handsome!

HA!
WHOA!
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SFX. CLICK X3
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咔
咔

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE?
INSTEAD OF INFORMING THE POLICE, YOU STOOD THERE AND STARTED FILMING THE INCIDENT?
BRAT! I SUGGEST YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND NOT MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS.

噗
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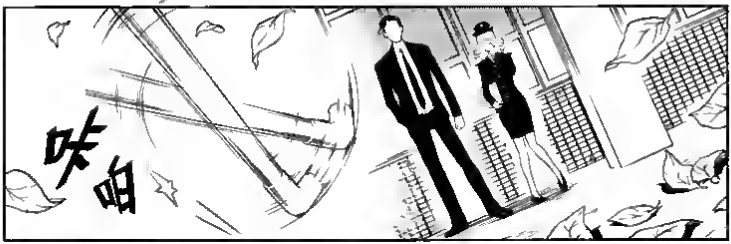
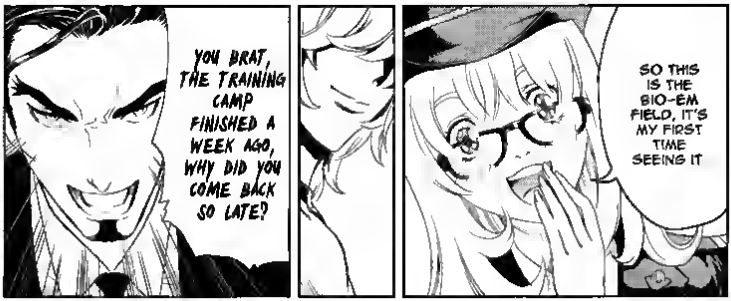
咔

YEP!
YOU FRIGGING BRAT, YOU FIGHT PRETTY WELL!

BUT YOU KNOW... THIS IS THE ERA OF GUNS.
FISTS AND WOODEN SWORDS
ARE USE-LESS NOW.

*T/N We will be using "Bio-EM field" for short, from now on




YOU BRAT, THE TRAINING CAMP FINISHED A WEEK AGO, WHY DID YOU COME BACK SO LATE?
SO THIS IS THE BIO-EM FIELD, IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING IT

THANKS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, SIR. THE SPECIAL TRAINING CAMP WAS TOUGH, BUT I'VE LEARNT LOADS OF STUFF.
SORRY, I JUST CAME FROM THE GOBI DESERT, AND I STOPPED FOR A TOUR ON THE WAY BACK. I ONLY ARRIVED LAST NIGHT, SO I DIDN'T WANT TO WAKE YOU GUYS UP.
BEFORE DEPARTURE, THEY STAGED A FIGHTING TOURNAMENT, IT WAS REALLY FUN!

I STILL REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET THIS KID... GOD HAS A PECULIAR WAY OF DOING THINGS, DISHING OUT AN INSANELY TALENTED WEIRDO LIKE HIM TO PROTECT AND SERVE.
I HOPE YOU WON AND DIDN'T BRING SHAME ON ME, RIGHT?
噹！
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噹！
ALL SFX DEFLECT
MON... MONS-TER!
噹
噹
噹

THE REASON I USE A WOODEN SWORD...

YOU WANT THE FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD INVOLVED IN THAT INCIDENT TO BE RELEASED?
YES. HE'S A STUDENT OF A VERY DEAR FRIEND OF MINE.
PLUS, HE SAVED A LOT OF PEOPLE. DETENTION FOR HIM ISN'T REALLY FAIR NOW, IS IT?
.....
...IS BECAUSE I CANNOT BEAR TO KILL PEOPLE!

WELL... THEY WERE BEATEN REALLY BADLY, THOSE PEOPLE ARE PROBABLY ALL HOSPITALIZED NOW...
THERE WERE SIXTEEN PEOPLE IN TOTAL, THAT'S PRETTY SCARY.
MY NAME IS...
HEY KIO, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Lai
Feiyun

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BOSS, HURRY UP AND HIDE!
SLASH

AAAAAAHHHHHH!
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EUI

Don't come any closer...

I've never offended anyone! I don't know why anyone would want me dead.
Sir, please, don't kill me, I've always been an honest man...
BANG
You're doing this for the money, right? Whatever the price offered, I'll double it.
No, three fold, four fold, ten fold, how about ten fold? Just name your price, money is not a problem here.
AFTER TAKING THE JOB, ONLY BY WORKING TO FULFILL MY CLIENTS' WISHES CAN MY PROFESSIONAL DEDICATION BE SHOWN
THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN THIS PROFESSION ARE INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM I HAVE NEVER ONCE QUESTIONED MY TARGET'S CHARACTER

I HAVE NEVER KILLED THE WRONG PERSON
..NOR HAVE I EVER FAILED TO TAKE DOWN MY TARGET!
Uuuuuuhhhhhh
THAT'S WHY I TRULY DESERVE MY TITLE OF "No1 assassin".

MOREOVER,
I REALLY TAKE PLEASURE IN KILLING.

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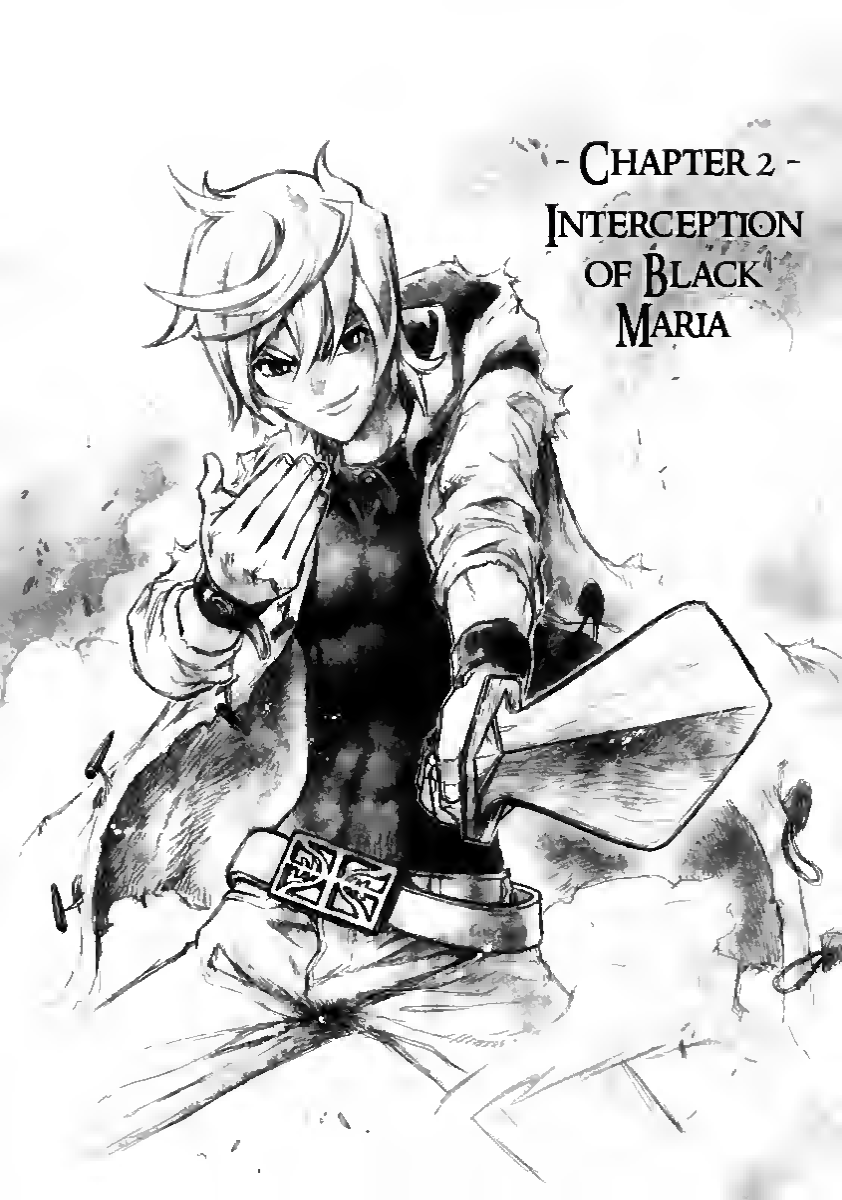
THE WEATHER IS LOVELY TODAY, PERFECT FOR GOING OUT AND ENJOYING YOURSELF
I'M SORRY, NOT TODAY I HAVE URGENT THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF
HEY, I HEARD XIDAN SHOPPING CENTER IS DOING SALES RIGHT NOW IT MUST BE BUSTLING IN THERE, COME ON, LET'S PAY A VISIT!
SORRY, YOU GO AHEAD, I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER
YOU'RE GOING THERE AGAIN? HOW ABOUT WE GO SHOPPING TOGETHER AFTER YOU'RE DONE?

HE'S SO ANNOYING.

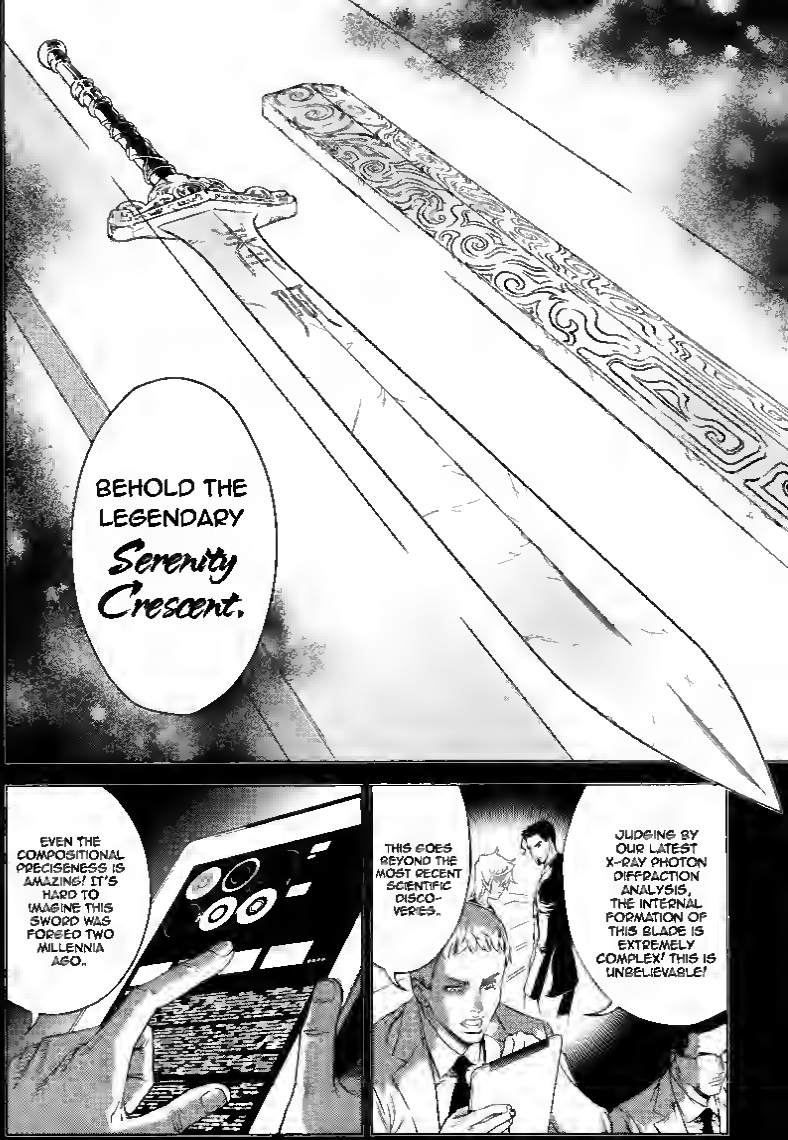


- Chapter 2 -
Interception of Black Maria

I'VE BEEN A DRIVER FOR A LONG TIME NOW, AND YET I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A HUGE CONVOY BEFORE
JUST WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS IN THAT BLACK MARIA?

T/N: BLACK MARIA = A VAN USED BY POLICE TO TRANSPORT PRISONERS.

LAN, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE THREE ANCIENT BLADES FORGED BY THE LEGENDARY ANCIENT SWORDSMITH OZHIZI AND HIS THOUSAND DISCIPLES?
I HEARD IT FROM MY MASTER. THE FIRST WAS NAMED IMPERIAL ABYSS, SECOND SERENITY CRESCENT, AND THE THIRD ULYSSES.
DURING THE CHUN-QIU PERIOD THE PRIMARY TYPE OF MILITARY POWER WAS MELEE INFANTRY, AND THAT'S WHY SWORDSMITHING FLOURISHED GREATLY AT THAT TIME. THE STRENGTH OF THE SWORD WAS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT, SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL SUCH PEERLESS SWORDS WERE FORGED.
IT WAS SAID THAT THE SERENITY CRESCENT WAS ONCE TREASURED IN THE COUNTRY OF CHU. THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY JIN, LONGED FOR THIS BLADE, RESULTING IN A SIEGE LASTING THREE YEARS. THE KING WOULD HAVE RATHER DIED THAN GIVE UP THE BLADE, SO HE EVEN JOINED THE BATTLEFIELD HIMSELF.
THE ANCIENT BLADE CUT THROUGH THE ARMY OF JIN, AND IN AN INSTANT THE SIEGE WAS OBLITERATED. THE STORY IS PRETTY EXAGGERATED, PEOPLE WILL MOSTLY LAUGH AT IT, BUT WE CANNOT THUS CAST ASIDE THE ANCIENT'S MEMORIES AS FICTION.


BEHOLD THE LEGENDARY Serenity Crescent.
EVEN THE COMPOSITIONAL PRECISENESS IS AMAZING! IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THIS SWORD WAS FORGED TWO MILLENNIA AGO..
THIS GOES BEYOND THE MOST RECENT SCIENTIFIC DISCO-VERIES..
JUDGING BY OUR LATEST X-RAY PHOTON DIFFRACTION ANALYSIS, THE INTERNAL FORMATION OF THIS BLADE IS EXTREMELY COMPLEX! THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!

ALSO, DURING THOSE TIMES... CONSIDERING THEIR FORGING CAPABILITY TO FORGE SUCH A SWORD SHOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE. THE ONLY THING I CAN SAY IS THAT OZHIZI WAS A GENIUS WHO DIDN'T BELONG IN THAT ERA.
ONCE, DURING AN INVESTIGATION FOR A MISSING NATIONAL TREASURE, WE CAME ACROSS A PERSON IN A HUGE WAREHOUSE THAT KILLED FIVE MEMBERS OF OUR SWAT TEAM USING THIS SWORD.
THIS THING CAN EMIT AN INVISIBLE SWORD AURA?
YES.
THE AURA IT EMITS IS FORM-LESS, CANNOT BE TRACKED, AND IT CAN CUT FROM A DIS-TANCE. IT CERTAINLY ALMOST KILLED ME.

I HEARD FROM A RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE SOURCE. THAT THE APPREHENDER'S NAME WAS GAN JIANG.
GAN JIANG? HE'S A MEMBER OF NINE SONG!
FROM THE MOMENT HE WAS CAUGHT HE NEVER UTTERED A SINGLE WORD. WE TRIED EVERYTHING ON HIM, BE IT THREATS OR INCENTIVES. VIOLENCE OR PERSUASION — EVEN EXEMPTION FROM CAPITAL PUNISHMENT...
BUT AS IF HE WAS BORN DUMB. HE REFUSED TO SPEAK. AND WOULD RATHER DIE THAN REVEAL EVEN A SPECK OF INFORMATION ON NINE SONG
IF A PERSON IS NOT AFRAID OF DEATH. TRYING TO OPEN HIS MOUTH BY FORCE WOULD BE A FOOLS ERRAND.

SAN JIAN'S EXECUTION IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW AND THIS MIGHT TURN OUT INTO A WAR CHALLENGE FOR THE NINE SONG.
LAN, YOU'LL BE ESCORTING HIM ALONG DURING THE RIDE I'LL BE MONITORING EVERYTHING FROM THE CONTROL ROOM
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WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED?
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WHAT IS THAT?
公安
IT SEEMS LIKE A WALKING WALL OF STEEL.
BE CARE-FUL!
IT'S HERE TO HIGHJACK THE BLACK MARIA!
STOP OR WE WILL OPEN FIRE! THAT'S AN ORDER!

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OPEN FIRE!
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DAMN IT, IT'S BULLET PROOF!
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隆生
ONE DRAGON TATTOO STRETCHING FROM RIGHT ARM TO RIGHT TORSO, AND UNPARALLELED STRENGTH...
YOU MUST BE THE FIFTH NATIONALLY RANKED ASSASSIN, MENG TIAN.

I'LL MAKE MINCED MEAT OUT OF ANYONE BLOCKING MY WAY!
咔
咔
咔

ITS ATTACKING RANGE IS VERY WIDE, DODGING ALL OF HIS ATTACKS WON'T BE EASY
THAT STEEL BOARD PROBABLY WEIGHS SEVERAL TONS, BUT HE HANDLES IT WITH SUCH EASE AS IF HOLDING A LIGHT SHIELD.
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AAH!
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磁
磁

Bio-EM Field
WITH THIS LITTLE TRICK, ALL OF YOUR ATTACKS ARE NOW NULLIFIED.
呼
呼
呼
呼
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FLING ME AWAY.
OTHER THAN MAGNETIC ATTRACTION, THERE'S ALSO...

MAGNETIC REPULSION! TASTE THE FIST OF ULTRA-STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD REPULSION!
Magnetic quake!

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碰!!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU PLAY WITHOUT YOUR STEEL TOY
WHERE'S THE SWAT TEAM? WHY AREN'T THEY HELPING?
!

OH! A WOODEN SWORD SUCH AN INTERESTING CHILD—

Lan, can you hear me?
THEY PLANNED TO TRAP US FROM THE BEGINNING.

THE PAIR IN FRONT OF YOU ARE MEMBERS OF NINE SONG.
ALL OF THE CCTV CAMERA IN YOUR VICINITY HAVE BEEN JAMMED, I ONLY GOT THROUGH JUST NOW.
The male is Meng Wu, the fourth nationally ranked assassin, criminal status: wanted. Adept at poison and explosives, the explosion on the bridge was probably his handiwork.
The female is called Moxie. She should be Gan Jiang's partner. We haven't got much information on her, all we know is her victims all had their throats slashed.
LET'S FINISH THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS FIRST
SUCH A HANDSOME BOY, AND USING A SWORD TOO! I REALLY WANT TO PLAY WITH HIM.

OF COURSE
咔
Be careful!
THE EDGE OF THAT SWORD LOOKED BLUNT, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CUT WITH SO MUCH EASE. HOW...?

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WATCH ME BREAK THIS ROTTEN TWIG!
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THIS SWORD, GIVEN TO ME BY MY MASTER, IS METICULOUSLY MADE FROM THE WOOD OF AN IRON BIRCH TREE. IT'S TWICE AS HARD AS STEEL.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BREAK IT!
咚咚咚

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喵
喵
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?
THAT KID IS SURROUNDED BY AN INVISIBLE BIO-EM FIELD, I GUESS NORMAL METAL BULLETS WON'T HURT HIM.

Can Jiang
MELEE IS THE ONLY WAY TO KILL HIM
咔
HE'S SKILLED AT SWORD FIGHTING, SO BE CAREFUL, DON'T GET HURT.
唉

KID, SO YOU CAN USE POWERS? WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
LAN FEIYUN! TITLE: SWORD SOUL!
HE HAS A TITLE? HOW OLD IS HE?
BRAT, I'LL HAVE FUN RESEARCHING YOUR CARCASS AFTER YOU DIE.
ARE YOU SERIOUS, KID? YOU WANT TO FIGHT "ULYSSES" WITH THAT WOODEN SWORD?
SLASH
FIRST "SERENITY CRESCENT", AND NOW "ULYSSES" APPEARS? PERHAPS THE FIRST ANCIENT SWORD "IMPERIAL ABYSS" IS ALSO

崩!
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I COULD REPEL IT SO IT DOESN'T TOUCH ME, BUT IF THAT THING EVER HITS ME, I'LL PROBABLY DIE
ULYSSES' DESTRUCTIVE POWER IS INCREDIBLE, BUT IT'LL ONLY CUT VIA PHYSICAL CONTACT
SHE'S FIGHTING TO KILL; NOT MANY SWORD USERS CAN AVOID SUCH AGGRESSIVE STYLE

BUT I'M BEGINNING TO GET USED TO HER MOVEMENTS, LEARNING HER RHYTHM
!
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO LEAD.
RELEASE YOUR GRIP!
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DIE!

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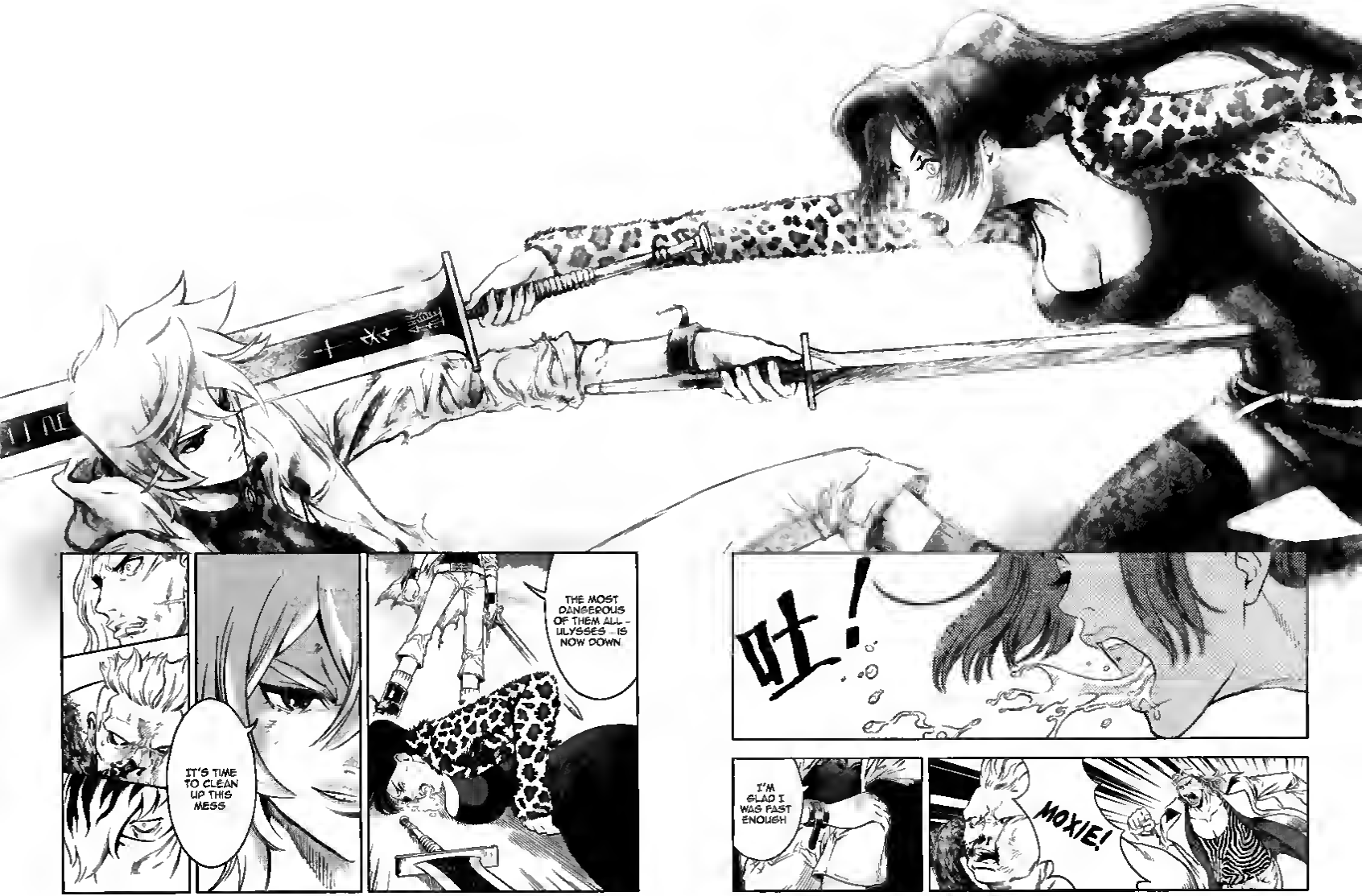
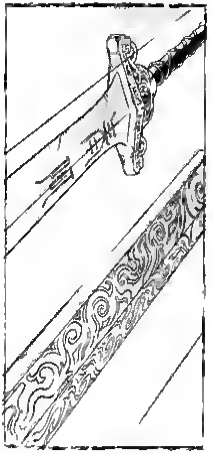

吐!
I'M GLAD I WAS FAST ENOUGH
MOXIE!
THE MOST DANGEROUS OF THEM ALL – ULYSSES – IS NOW DOWN
IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS

AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS PERSON IS CLOSING IN ON YOUR LOCATION!
Emergency instructions, Lan!
Ignore Meng Wu and the rest!

THERE'S A BLACK VEHICLE AT THE BACK OF THE CONVOY.
There's an extremely important political figure in the backseat.
Protect this person at any cost.



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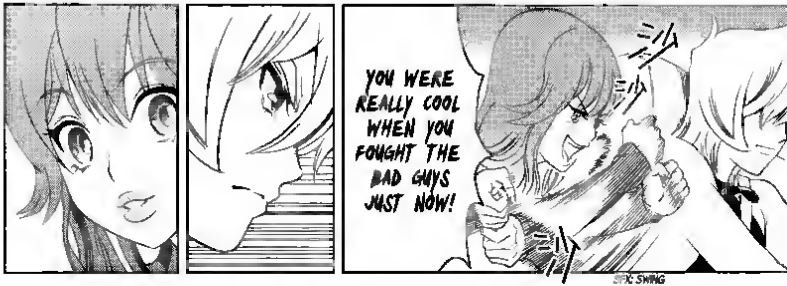
- CHAPTER 3 -
THE ONE UNDER
INTENSIVE
PROTECTION

TAKE HER AND LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
DO YOU SEE HER? THE PERSON I WANT YOU TO PROTECT IS A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL. I'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT SOMEONE WANTS HER DEAD!
SHE IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO OUR COUNTRY AND SHE'S UNDER OUR INTENSIVE PROTECTION.
SFX: TIRE SCREECHING
IF SHE LOSES EVEN A SINGLE STRAND OF HAIR, YOU AND I ARE BOTH DEAD MEN...
SFX: VROOM

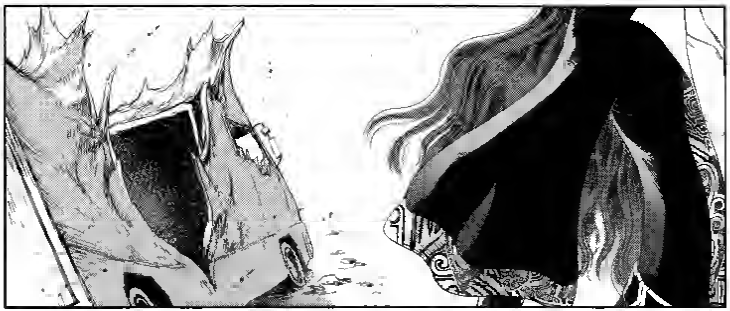
ARE YOU HERE TO RESCUE ME?
SFX: WHOOSH

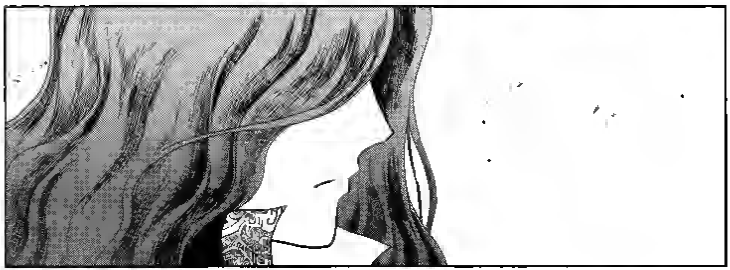

YOU WERE REALLY COOL WHEN YOU FOUGHT THE BAD GUYS JUST NOW!
SFX: SWING

CAN WE GO ANY FASTER?
!
YOU'RE REALLY SKILLED AT DRIVING! I LOVE THE FEELING OF SPEEDING DOWN THE ROAD!
SFX: HONK
SFX: TIRE SCREECH
HUH? IS THAT A COMM LINK YOU'RE WEARING?
It's really small!

Squeeze
Whatever you do, do not take her back to HQ. Nine Song knows our movements. I'm sure there are spies within our group
Lan, ensure her safety during your escort and take her to the safe house. Wait for me to contact you there.
Bye!
Bye!
Don't let her-
OFFICER JIA
HUH? ARE YOU ON THE LINE WITH OFFICER JIA? CAN I TALK TO HIM?
BUT THE GPS HAS BEEN BLOCKED IN ALL OF BEIJING
TRACK THEM DOWN WITH THE GPS! HURRY!
LAN! LAN!
Ss... ss...

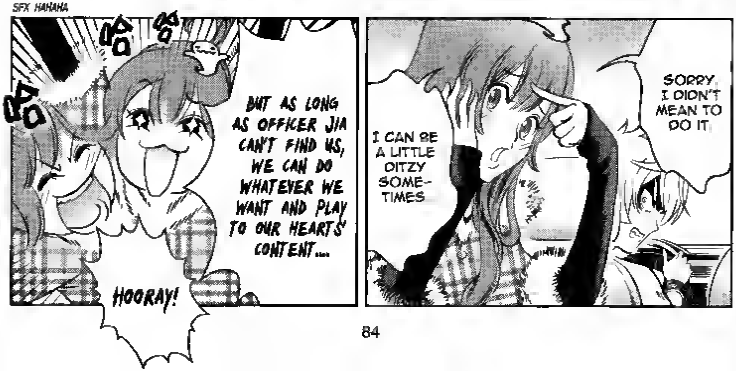
Damn it! Nine Song is responsible for this!
NO DATA
NO DATA
THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM IS DOWN AGAIN!
DIP





WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THAT'S THE ONLY COMM LINK BETWEEN ME AND MISTER JIA!

SFX: HAHAHA


SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT
I CAN BE A LITTLE DITZY SOME-TIMES
BUT AS LONG AS OFFICER JIA CAN'T FIND US, WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT AND PLAY TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT...
HOORAY!

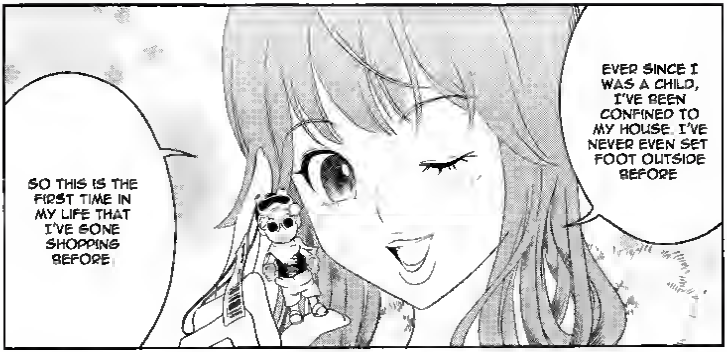
Okay, maybe I enjoyed myself a little too much and said some insensitive things. Can you please stop glaring at me?
I'm scared...
But this "extremely valuable and under intensive protection" person... What's wrong with her?
Mister Jia ignored those criminals for the sake of this girl and made her safety the top priority.
You must have had a lot of girl-friends before and you broke countless hearts!
You look like a player and if I'm coppect
You look handsome and act really cool. A lot of girls must have fallen for you in school, right?
SFX: PUMP
NO! I'M STILL SINGLE!

Such a pity.
YOU MUST BE INFERTILE
SFX: HAHAHA
NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE AND YOU NEVER HAD A GIRLFRIEND? SUCH A HANDSOME YOUNG LAD STILL SINGLE AT SUCH A RIPE AGE...
IS THAT SO?
WE'VE BEEN WITH EACH OTHER ALL THIS TIME AND YOU NEVER EVEN ASKED WHAT MY NAME WAS. AND NOW YOU WANT INFORMATION?
AH! YOU'RE SO RUDE!
HEY, YOU NEVER ASKED ME FOR MY AGE, SO HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS 19?
An "extremely valuable and under intensive protection"...
Psycho!
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME?
THE MORE YOU WANT TO KNOW, THE LESS I'LL TELL YOU
BUT I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. YOU'RE LAN FEIYUN. YOU TURN 19 THIS YEAR AND YOU'RE THE STUDENT OF A SWORD MASTER AND YOU'RE ALWAYS HELPING OFFICER JIA.

YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT!
YEAH!
HE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF YOU AS HIS LITTLE BROTHER. HE THINKS OF YOU AS PART OF HIS FAMILY.
咪!
SFX: POOF!
SO... SO ACCURATE. WHERE DID SHE LEARN ALL THOSE THINGS ABOUT ME?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
I DON'T KNOW. YOUR SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT REGARDLESS OF THE DESTINATION.
SO CAN WE GO ANYWHERE I WANT?
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?
XIDAN SHOPPING CENTRE! I WANT TO GO SHOPPING!

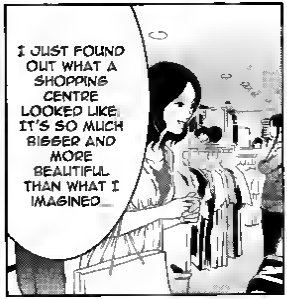
Calm down, calm down. You can handle this. As long as she doesn't leave the car and I hand her over to Mister Jia in one piece, I'll be able to call it a day.
Open
IF YOU REFUSE, I'LL JUMP OUT OF THE CAR AND KILL MYSELF...
!
SFX: WHOOSH
8.31
IF YOU'RE LYING, I'LL MAKE YOU PAY!
YAY!
OK, OK, XIDAN, RIGHT? WE'RE HEADING THERE NOW!
THAT'S DANGEROUS!
SFX: CLOSE

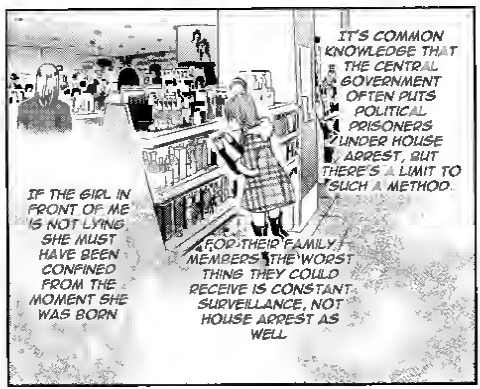
I'M HERE. I CAN FINALLY WALK IN SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE...
This one is so pretty!
A new collection that I've never seen before!
SO THIS IS WHAT A SHOPPING CENTRE LOOKS LIKE...
SFX: STOMP
I'M SO EXCITED! THIS IS UNREAL! AM I DREAMING?
OUCH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE? HAVE YOU NEVER GONE OUT SHOPPING BEFORE?
NOPE!


EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD, I'VE BEEN CONFINED TO MY HOUSE. I'VE NEVER EVEN SET FOOT OUTSIDE BEFORE
SO THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I'VE GONE SHOPPING BEFORE

SFX: HAHAHA

SFX: SLAP
OH YEAH, THIS IS MY "FIRST TIME" AND I'VE GIVEN IT TO YOU, SO YOU SHOULD FEEL LUCKY!


I JUST FOUND OUT WHAT A SHOPPING CENTRE LOOKED LIKE. IT'S SO MUCH BIGGER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN WHAT I IMAGINED...


IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFTEN PUTS POLITICAL PRISONERS UNDER HOUSE ARREST, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT TO SUCH A METHOD.
FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, THE WORST THING THEY COULD RECEIVE IS CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE, NOT HOUSE ARREST AS WELL.
IF THE GIRL IN FRONT OF ME IS NOT LYING, SHE MUST HAVE BEEN CONFINED FROM THE MOMENT SHE WAS BORN

If the government is willing to go that far, then her identity must be stunning!
Sis?
For fourteen long years...
It's unheard of.
IT'S MY FAVOURITE BRAND.
LOOK! IT'S THE SAME DRESS!
HMM? I BUY THEM ONLINE, OF COURSE!
IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN OUT SHOPPING BEFORE, WHO BUYS ALL OF YOUR CLOTHES FOR YOU?

ON THE RARE OCCASION THAT I ACTUALLY WENT OUTSIDE, IT WAS TO HELP OTHERS. I WAS IN A CAR WHENEVER I WENT FROM ONE BUILDING TO ANOTHER AND I WAS ALWAYS UNDER SURVEILLANCE. I KNEW THAT EVERYTHING I SAW ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLASS BELONGED TO ANOTHER WORLD AND THAT I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE IT.

I READ BOOKS WHENEVER I WAS BORED. I ALWAYS WENT TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY'S DATABASE TO SEARCH FOR ONE AND THEN SOMEONE WOULD DELIVER IT TO ME. BUT IT'S SO MUCH EASIER TO ORDER THEM ONLINE NOW WITH ONLINE TRANSACTIONS.
SO I LEARNED ABOUT THE WORLD USING THE COMPUTER INSTEAD.

T/N: TAOBAO, "PICK THE GOODIES" IS A MAJOR CHINESE ONLINE SALES PLACE FOR FASHION, CLOTHING ACCESSORIES ETC.
QC NOTE: VERY UNRELIABLE FOR ORDERS OUTSIDE OF CHINA THOUGH. I WOULDN'T RECCOMENT IT.

名家
字帖
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
CALLIGRA-PHY?
ALL OF THE SKILLS MY MASTER TAUGHT ME ORIGINATED FROM CALLIGRAPHY
字帖
THAT'S WHY IT'S NAMED THE Calligraphic Style.

Just as pianists practice the piano using musical scripts, I practice my sword skills by analyzing characters in calligraphy.
After meditating and practicing, a whole sword style could be created from calligraphies.
WHEN YOU WERE FIGHTING THAT WOMAN ON THE BRIDGE, YOUR SWORD WAS SUPER FAST. DID THAT MOVE HAVE A NAME?
IN CALLIGRAPHY, THE MOST BASIC STROKE IS "點 (DIAN)". IT IS A SIMPLE DOT THAT CAN BE WRITTEN IN DIFFERENT ANGLES, STRENGTHS, AND LENGTHS.
SO THE SWORD STYLE I'VE CREATED IS CALLED "EIGHT SWORDS OF ETERNITY." IT'S CREATED WITH THE HELP OF BIZHENTU (筆陣圖)

THE MOVE WAS THE "First Sword of Eternity".
"Dian" is the fastest among all of the strokes.
WHY NOT?
IT'S NOT ABOUT ABSORBING HIS SPRIT I'M NOT SOME SORT OF MONSTER. BESIDES, I DON'T THINK IT WILL WORK
THE GREATEST CALLIGRAPHIC SCROLL IS WANG YIZHI'S LAN TING YU. WHY DON'T YOU READ THAT BOOK AND ABSORB WANG YIZHI'S SPIRIT, AND BECOME EVEN MORE POWERFUL?
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT OF STUFF
RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE AUTHENTIC ONE IS IN THE TOMB OF THE EMPEROR OF THE TANG DYNASTY. ALL THE OTHER "WORKS" OF LAN TING YU ON THE MARKETS RIGHT NOW ARE COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL.
ONLY THE AUTHENTIC VERSION CONTAINS THE CALLIGRAPHER'S "CHARACTER".
OH, SO THAT'S THE REASON. I GUESS YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THE SCROLL.
WHO WAS THAT ANCIENT?
IT'S REMINDING ME OF AN ANCIENT...
SWORDS AND CALLIGRAPHIES...

WHERE CAN YOU GET THOSE PIECES OF PAPER?
FORGET ABOUT THAT. THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU
DID SUCH A PERSON REALLY EXIST? SOMEONE WHO WAS BOTH A SWORD MASTER AND CALLIGRAPHER?
OH, I'VE NEVER WORRIED ABOUT THAT. THEY JUST GAVE ME A CARD AND I COULD BUY WHATEVER I WANTED. I JUST WENT TO THE WEBSITE, ADDED WHAT I WANTED IN CART, ENTERED A BUNCH OF NUMBERS AND IT WOULD GET DELIVERED TO ME. I'VE NEVER BOTHERED WITH MONEY
HOW.. HOW CAN YOU NOT KNOW WHAT MONEY LOOKED LIKE? DID YOU NEVER USE MONEY WHEN YOU BOUGHT THINGS ONLINE?
She's never seen money before?
I DO BUT...
WELL? DO YOU HAVE THE PAPER?
BANK OF CHINA
VIP
It's a credit card with infinite withdraw!
The country never did her wrong!
GIVE IT HERE!

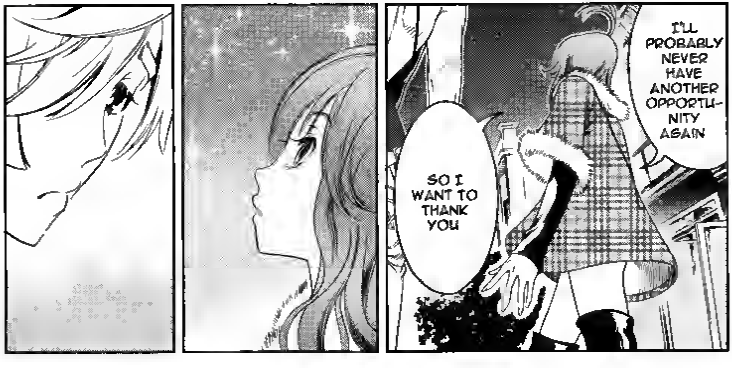
HOW DO I LOOK?
HOW... HOW COULD YOU...
DON'T WORRY, I HAVEN'T USED IT ALL.
I'M HUNGRY! LET'S GRAB SOME SNACKS OVER THERE.
?
NO! GIVE THE REST BACK...
SFX: STEP

THERE'S A BABY IN HERE
A MIDDLE SCHOOL COUPLE LEFT IT IN THERE TWO HOURS AGO.
I'M GLAD IT'S SAVED

YEAH.
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?
TWO HOURS, MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, BABY HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS STUFF?
SPOILERS!
THE MORE YOU WANT TO KNOW, THE LESS I'LL TELL YOU
OH... WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE SITUATION IS LIKE THIS?
HOWEVER
ACTUALLY, OFFICER JIA WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO NEVER TELL IT TO ANYONE
AS LONG AS YOU KEEP ME COMPANY TODAY AND MAKE ME HAPPY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP MYSELF AND I'LL TELL YOU

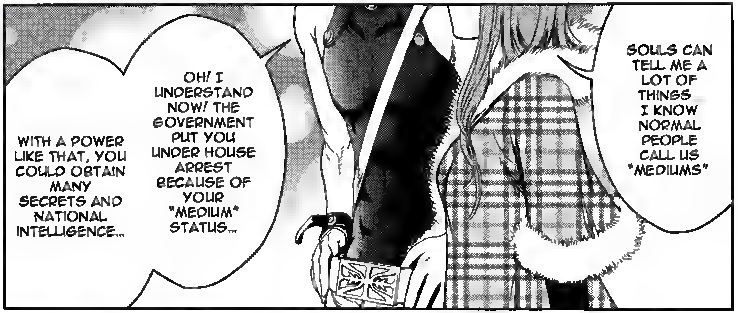
TODAY IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE.
DON'T SAY SUCH SILLY THINGS IT'S A BIT TOO EXAGGERATED

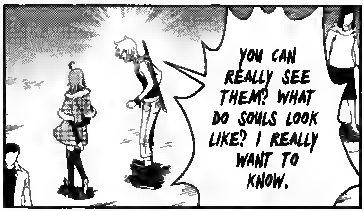
I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT SHOPPING BEFORE
NEVER HAD ANY ROAD-SIDE SNACKS
NEVER WENT ON A DATE WITH A BOY BEFORE..
SFX: CHOKE

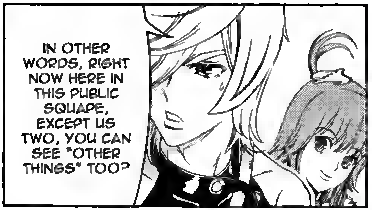

I'LL PROBABLY NEVER HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY AGAIN
SO I WANT TO THANK YOU

LET'S HOPE, THAT AFTER TODAY,
YOU WILL NOT FORGET ME.
OH, RIGHT
I'M Wu Jieling
WHY DO THEY PUT YOU UNDER HOUSE ARREST?
UHM..

It's because I can see and hear souls.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT FROM THE MOMENT I WAS BORN, I'VE HAD THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SOULS.
SOULS REALLY DO EXIST IN THIS WORLD AND IT'S NOT JUST SOME FANTASY. I'VE GOT PROOF.

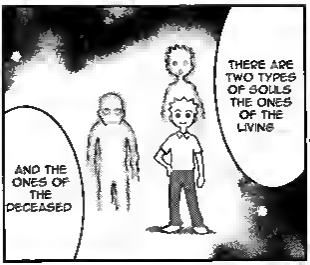

SOULS CAN TELL ME A LOT OF THINGS I KNOW NORMAL PEOPLE CALL US "MEDIUMS"
OH! I UNDERSTAND NOW! THE GOVERNMENT PUT YOU UNDER HOUSE ARREST BECAUSE OF YOUR "MEDIUM" STATUS...
WITH A POWER LIKE THAT, YOU COULD OBTAIN MANY SECRETS AND NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE...


YOU CAN REALLY SEE THEM? WHAT DO SOULS LOOK LIKE? I REALLY WANT TO KNOW.

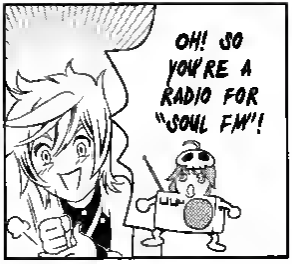

IN OTHER WORDS, RIGHT NOW HERE IN THIS PUBLIC SQUARE, EXCEPT US TWO, YOU CAN SEE "OTHER THINGS" TOO?

SO SOULS ARE LIKE AIR?
NORMAL PEOPLE CANNOT SEE SOULS, BUT IN MY EYES, THEY'RE JUST LIKE EVERYDAY PEOPLE. HOWEVER, THEY'RE WITHOUT BODIES AND THEY AREN'T ABLE TO BE TOUCHED.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FORM-LESS, WHEN WE NOTICE THEIR PRESENCE, WE CAN STILL FORM AN IMAGE OF HOW THEY LOOK LIKE.
I THINK "EM WAVES" IS A BETTER DESCRIPTION.
EM WAVES?
NOTE. "EM WAVES": ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES

It's just like radio waves are everywhere, but only a radio can interpret their signals. Normal people cannot hear radio waves with
Yes, souls are just like EM waves. For people with special powers like me, we can receive their "signals".


THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF SOULS. THE ONES OF THE LIVING
AND THE ONES OF THE DECEASED

I'M NOT AN OBJECT!


OH! SO YOU'RE A RADIO FOR "SOUL FM"!

SO WHAT DOES MY SOUL LOOK LIKE TO YOU?
HA, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN WHAT I'M LIKE? THE MORE YOU WANT TO KNOW, THE LESS I'LL TELL YOU.

THE SOULS OF THE DEAD ARE A PORTRAYAL OF THE MOMENT OF THEIR DEATH, AND THE LIVING ONES ARE JUST HOW I SEE THEM
NO MATTER HOW GOOD-LOOKING SOMEONE IS, AS LONG AS HE WAS A BAD PERSON, HIS SOUL WILL LOOK LIKE A MONSTER TO ME

I can speak with them using my abilities and they'll have to reply truthfully, but they're limited to what they knew before they died
However, the souls of the living know how to protect themselves, so I can only ask the souls of the dead questions...
Also, souls cannot lie. They can only speak the truth, so they have to answer truthfully to whatever we ask.
OH! I UNDERSTAND NOW. MISTER JIA WANTED YOU TO LEARN ABOUT NINE SONG'S SECRETS FROM GAN JIANG.
YES, GRANDPA WEN AND UNCLE HU... THEY'RE IMPORTANT PEOPLE ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR ME. THEY ASK ME TO HELP THEM INVESTIGATE CERTAIN THINGS
SOULS OF THE DEAD... AREN'T THEY SPIRITS?
Even if he didn't confess, once he's dead you can ask his soul and then he will tell us everything.

Bingo!
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A SOUL WHO SAW THE ABANDONED BABY IN THE SHOPPING CENTRE AND ASKED FOR YOU TO HELP THE INFANT
AND YOU LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT ME FROM THE DEAD OFFICERS ON THAT BRIDGE
AH!
IT'S THE PALACE OF ZHENG YANG MEN!
UNFORTUNATELY INDEED!
UNFORTUNATELY, I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME BACK THEN TO ASK ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE LIFE.
I NEVER THOUGHT THE REAL THING WAS THIS BIG!
DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 1900, THE EIGHT-NATION ALLIANCE INVADED BEIJING AND THE PALACE WAS BURNT TO THE GROUND? ONE YEAR LATER
I LOVE THIS BUILDING SO MUCH!

My job is to protect her until she returns to Mister Jia's side.
But then she'll return to being under house arrest...
ACTU-ALLY.

HOW ABOUT WE EAT IN THE HOUHAI AREA AND THEN VISIT A BAR IN THE NAN LUO GU XIANG STRIP
I'VE HIDDEN SOME MONEY
SFX: RUNNING

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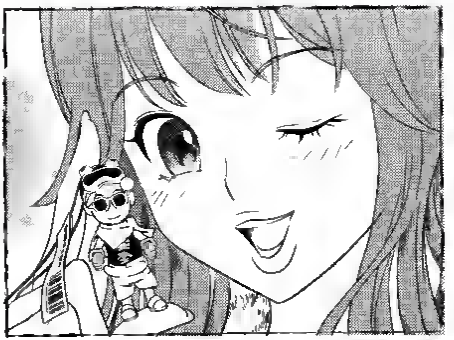
SPIC GRAB

SFX: HAHAHA
哈哈哈
I GOT IT! I WANT TO SEE YOU HOP ALL THE WAY HERE!
SFX: DISAPPEAR
波ー
IT STINKS! IT'S REALLY DISGUSTING!
DAMN IT! GIVE MY SHOE BACK!
SFX: HA HA HA HA
哈哈哈
WE WON'T GO TO HOUHAI OR THE BAR NOW!!
I'LL NEVER GIVE IT BACK IF WE DON'T GO.
DAMN IT!

WHERE'S OUR CAR?
IT'S PARKED ACROSS THE CROSSING BRIDGE
WHAT CAN WE EAT IN HOUHAI?
I GOT MY SHOE BACK, SO WE WON'T EAT NOW. I'M TAKING YOU TO MISTER JIA.
HOW DARE YOU!
SFX: GRIP

Excuse me...
Are you Miss Ifu?

My name is Wang Hou.
Somebody has asked me to kill you.



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CHAPTER 4

THE ONE WITH THE ANCIENT'S BLOOD

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED LAN AND MISS WW'S LOCATION. THEY WERE SEEN BY THE CCTV INSIDE THE XIDAN SHOPPING CENTRE.
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I WANT ALL POLICE AND PRIVATE SECURITY FOOTAGE IN XIDAN. FIND OUT THE LAST TIME THEY APPEARED ON
UNITS 2, 4, AND 8, LEAVE FOR XIDAN IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT BACK TO ME BEFORE DEPARTURE!
LAN DID THIS ON PURPOSE SO THAT WE CAN LOCATE THEM

THE FIGURE WHO WAS WEARING AN ANCIENT'S ROBE AND WHO WAS QUICKLY APPROACHING THEM MUST BE THE #1 ASSASSIN IN THE NATION, WANG HOU.
Lan, please do not let him hurt you.
You're not strong enough to be his opponent.

I AM AN ASSASSIN. MY NAME IS WANG HOU, BUT THAT HOLDS NO MEANING FOR YOU, MISS WU. SOMEONE HAS ASKED ME TO TAKE YOUR LIFE...
SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU DIE, I WILL TRY MY BEST TO ANSWER THEM.
I AM HONORED TO BE THE ONE TO KILL YOU.
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AAAAAHHHHH!

WHAT DID YOU SEE?
A SWORD?
ARE YOU HER BODY-GUARD?
THE WEAPON YOU ARE USING IS VERY INTERESTING. I HAVE NOT SEEN SOMEONE AS BRAVE AS YOU IN A LONG TIME
BUT, SHOULD YOU OBSTRUCT MY PATH, I WILL KILL YOU ALONG WITH HER
I WILL RIP YOU INTO PIECES AND FEED YOU TO THE WILD DOGS TOMORROW MORNING.

SHE'S JUST A DEFENSELESS GIRL. WHY DO YOU WANT TO KILL HER?
ASSASSINS HAVE DIGNITY TOO. DON'T YOU FEEL ASHAMED BY KILLING WOMEN?
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DOESN'T... DOESN'T KILLING NEED A REASON? SHE HID ALL HER LIFE AND NEVER OFFENDED ANYONE. WHY DO YOU HAVE TO KILL HER WITHOUT A REASON?
LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR. ASSASSINS DO NOT DISCRIMINATE OVER THE TARGET'S GENDER. AS SOON AS AN ASSASSIN ACCEPTS A REQUEST, THE TARGET MUST BE KILLED, BE IT WOMEN OR CHILDREN
THIS IS TRUE PROFESSIONALISM. BEFORE DEATH, ALL ARE EQUAL.
I ONLY FOLLOW MY PRINCIPLES AND SO FAR I HAVE NEVER KILLED THE WRONG PERSON
速!

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So fast!

HA!
YOU ARE THE FIRST TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DODGE MY ATTACK.
THE BAD MUST BE KILLED, THE GOOD EVEN MORE SO!
SHE'S DONE NOTHING WRONG! SO WHAT REASON DO YOU HAVE TO KILL HER?

I WANT TO DIE EARLY TOO, BUT GOD HAS GIFTED ME WITH THE TALENT TO KILL, WHICH I DO NOT WANT TO WASTE I AM ONLY FOLLOWING THE WILL OF HEAVENS
LIVING IS A TEDIOUS PROCESS AND THE WORLD WE'RE LIVING IN IS CORRUPT, SO WOULDN'T IT BE A BLESSING TO DIE EARLY?
NONSENSE! ALL OF THE ASSASSINS DO IT FOR MONEY!

MISS WU'S LIFE IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER CHARGED SO MUCH FOR AN ASSASSINATION.
IN OUR COUNTRY, WITH ENOUGH MONEY, EVEN DEMONS WILL BE RESPECTED.
HOW MANY OF THE RICH AND SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY GOOD IN YOUR OPINION?
IN FACT, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WORLD...

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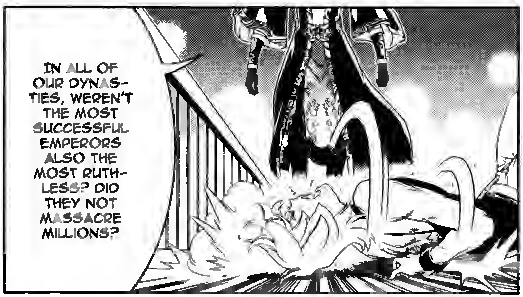
IN ALL OF OUR DYNASTIES, WEREN'T THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EMPERORS ALSO THE MOST RUTHLESS? DID THEY NOT MASSACRE MILLIONS?

THAT IS THE UNCHANGING TRUTH!
WICKED DEEDS! RUTHLESSNESS! ONLY THROUGH THESE MEANS CAN ONE BE SUCCESSFUL!

ALSO, MY BIO-EM FIELD CANNOT RIP OFF THE BLADES ON HIS GLOVES. HE MUST HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF STRENGTH IN ORDER TO RESIST MY FIELD.
THIS WANG HOU... HIS SPEED IS BEYOND THAT OF AN ORDINARY HUMAN.
WANG HOU MUST ALSO BE ONE BORN WITH TALENT AND SUPERNATURAL POWERS.
!
IT CAN'T BE...
HAVE YOU NEVER WONDERED? HOW COULD I HAVE KILLED WITHOUT WORRIES FOR ALL THESE YEARS? HA! THINK ABOUT IT. YOU KNOW MY PRICE. WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DO YOU THINK CAN AFFORD MY SERVICES, TIME AFTER TIME?

POWER IS A PRIVILEGE THAT FEW ARE MEANT TO HAVE. THAT IS TRUE PROTECTION, AND IT IS MUCH MORE USEFUL THAN BULLET-PROOF VESTS.
DO YOU THINK IT'S ONLY THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS YOU KNOW?
THAT BEING SAID, IF ONE ONLY WORKED FOR MONEY, ONE'S LIFE WOULD BE AWFULLY DULL.
LIAR! ALL OF THAT IS NONSENSE!
DID YOUR PARENTS TEACH YOU THIS?
I DO THIS BECAUSE I TAKE PLEASURE IN KILLING.

Mother
...

クルッ!!

YOU TWO MUST DIE TONIGHT!
AAAAAHHHHH!

HA!
YOU'RE A DESCENDENT OF THE "ANCIENT BLOOD-LINE"?

SNIFF
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT!
THE 'ANGELIC BLOODLINE' TOO...
IF THAT IS THE CASE, YOU MUST GO.

Benglangleiben
"Tiger Break Lightning Chase"
Baijunnufa
"Launch of a Thousand Crossbows"
Luduanxixiang
"Land Breaking Rhino Form"

I CANNOT WIN AGAINST THIS DEMON IN FRONT OF ME
THOSE THREE TECHNIQUES WERE THE MOST DIFFICULT ATTACKS IN MY SWORD STYLE, BUT HE DODGED ALL OF THEM WITH EASE
I WOULD HAVE RAN AWAY A LONG TIME AGO IF I WERE ON MY OWN
BUT WU JIELING IS HERE, SO I CANNOT RUN AWAY. BUT I CAN'T WIN EITHER. DAMN IT
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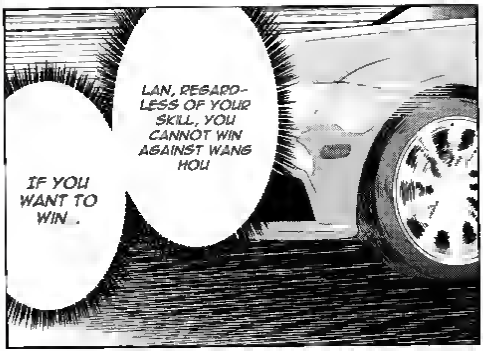
山崩
山崩
山崩
EVEN IF THE ODDS ARE ALMOST ZERO, I'LL HAVE TO GAMBLE EVERYTHING!
EVEN IF IT MEANS I'LL LOSE MY LIFE...

I have to protect Wu Jieling!

YOU WHO POSSESSES THE "ANGELIC BLOODLINE",
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE?

YOU DISAP-POINT ME.

The last visual we have on them is in front of the palace nearby
Mister Jia, I've finished searching through everything. Lan and Miss Wu left the shopping centre through the middle entrance


IF YOU WANT TO WIN .
LAN, REGARDLESS OF YOUR SKILL, YOU CANNOT WIN AGAINST WANG HOU

AFFIRMATIVE KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED IF ANYTHING HAPPENS CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY

You will have to understand Wang Hou's past.
IS KILLING ENJOYABLE?

I... I DON'T KNOW...
ARE YOU CERTAIN? THAT YOU DO NOT HATE YOUR FATHER?
DON'T BE AFRAID. I'LL PROTECT YOU.

I THINK I CAN DO IT TOO.
THIS IS THE STORY OF WU SONG FIGHTING A TIGER.
HOW OLD IS YOUR CHILD?
义诊
CLINIC

THIS CHILD... MUST NOT BE LEFT ALIVE!
MY ACTIONS MAY NOT BE RIGHTEOUS RIGHT NOW, BUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT DOING SO ARE MUCH WORSE.
HE WILL DOOM THIS WORLD.
THIS CHILD IS...

DEVIL SPAWN!
NEXT VOLUME
WANG HOU'S PAST

天航後記

很多年前，一個想不起來的日子，新書完稿之後，我偷得浮生半日閒，在一個明明叫「黃金」卻不賣黃金的商場遊逛。一少女隔著櫃台，店員不停推銷她購買一個地下代號爲「R4」的邪惡裝置。瞧那少女的穿著，並不像富户出身，她竟用炯炯有神的目光瞪著店員，堅定不移地說：「我要買正版。每一個遊戲都有製作人的心血，會令我感動，我想支持他們。」

那一刻，她頭上好像出現了神仙般的光環。

雖然少女長得不美，但我知道她有一顆美麗的心靈，我永遠無法再想起她的容顏，但我畢生都會記著這件小事。

這幾年，每當我在報紙攤買漫畫，朋友都會露出不可思議的眼神。

「真羨慕你。」

「有甚麼好羨慕的？」

「你還捨得買漫畫……我都是在網上看的。」

對，我這個朋友就是在網上閱畢所有孤忍海賊王第一神拳……連數百集沒完沒了的風雲也一直追看，他真是馬SIR的忠實支持者。我爲他無恥的時候，他還理直氣壯地回罵：「喂，你以爲上網不用錢嗎？」

可能做我這一行業的人都是怪胎，離經叛道，當市民責怪大陸人掃光香港的奶粉，我的大陸朋友和台灣朋友拖著沉甸甸的行李箱、箱裡都塞滿了在香港才買得到的漫畫。我的確是在幫大家洗腦，希望大家支持本地創作，在金錢有限的情況下，不買日本漫畫不要緊，但你不買我們的漫畫，真的會發生香港漫畫家活生生餓死在街頭這樣的悲劇。

2011年，香港最賣座的電影和小說，都是九把刀大哥的《那些年》，兩者的銷量皆打破香港紀錄　根據商務印書館公佈的全年暢銷榜，文學類第二位是《我的低能凑B之道》。至於這本書爲甚麼歸入文學類，包括我在內，很多文學家抓破了頭腦也想不出答案。而第三位，就是我這本

D系列第三部之《宮本武藏的末世傳人》。近年大部分香港作家銷量下跌，我幸而屹立不倒，有同業懷疑我自己出錢買回自己的小說，難得有機會，我當然要闢謠，我的小說好賣是因爲**我將我的靈魂寄託在紙上**。

——如果你在買這本漫畫之前，從不知道我是誰，也就證明我沒騙你，我這個人很低調，也真的沒做甚麼宣傳，所有讀友都是我靠口碑和誠意一個一個贏回來的。

我深信，只要有心，總會得到讀友的支持。

這本不行，下一本要做得更好，終有一天令讀者感動到非掏錢出來買書不行。只有將讀者當成朋友，竭盡心思做出好的作品，他們才會很樂意買你的作品，因爲愛看漫畫的人再怎麼樣，骨子裡還是很有義氣的。

說到這裡，我當然希望大家可以當我和亞孫是朋友。

當我看著自己的文字躍然紙上化爲流麗的線條，再湊合成一幀幀妙趣盎然的連環畫，那種感動絕非筆墨所能形容。我對亞孫、杜比和余兒大哥的感謝盡在不言中，今生吾乃男兒身，無法以身相許，有甚麼恩情來生再報罷。這部漫畫首刷量不多，比本人小說的首刷量還低，我暗暗立下重誓，如果首刷賣不光，我就真的自己掏錢出來「令它售罄」，哪怕要向經常打來煩我的花X銀行舉債借錢，我亦義無反顧、轟烈無悔。

所以，請大家放心，雖然香港漫畫經常會突然性停刊，我可以在此向大家保證，就算我傾家蕩產，也會讓這部漫畫有個圓滿的句號。

下回，再見！

天航

孫威軍後記

我從小到大都愛看漫畫，也愛看文字書，尤以奇幻爲題的書籍，《衛斯理》系列是我中學時期的心頭愛。

當上漫畫家後，看漫畫的時間比看文字書多了，更莫說是小說。在年青人的市場上，發覺天航老師的小說很受歡迎，D系列、三分球神射手都是非常熱賣的作品，我的幾個學生也是老師的粉絲。一天，得到杜比的邀請，希望我能把天航老師的D03-《宮本武藏的末世傳人》畫成漫畫。真是萬萬的意料不及，我從來沒想過能和老師有合作之緣。

《宮本武藏的末世傳人》，起初被這個名字嚇了一跳，坊間已有很多有關《宮本》的書籍，要如何才能比別人優勝呢？在看小說前還憂心忡忡。但當看了初段後，才知原來是另一回事，愈看下去就愈是吸引，雖然小賴的體質及書法劍已經帥呆了、而巫潔靈的能力很管用，但最牽動我情緒的還是王猇的過去，真是……（這裡不多作細表了，爲免未看過小說的人追殺我（┬┬﹏┬┬），在看畢全書後，我心情鬱結了好一陣子，良久未能回復。

有機會把如此棒的小說改編成漫畫，真是莫大的榮幸，我會努力把老師筆下的D世界完全影像化的呈現出來！

亞孫

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